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COSTLY CANALS - POLITICO New York's Marie J. French: The New York Power Authority's board earlier this week approved another \$60 million for the state's canal system as the agency prepares to take over full responsibility of the canals from the Thruway Authority on Jan. 1. The money is the last installment of \$100 million which the state directed NYPA to pay to the Thruway Authority for ongoing canal costs from April 2016 to the end of the year. Gil Quiniones, the power authority's president and CEO, said the cost going forward - which will swing the authority's cash flow from a \$43 million surplus to a \$46 million deficit - will be more manageable. "It will have a one-year anomaly but it's all accounting, not really true cash flow," Quiniones said. That's because it was all counted as operating expenses but roughly half is capital costs, he said. ... This year's state budget included a provision that transferred the state's aging and money-losing canal system, made up of more than 500 miles with 57 locks and 17 lift bridges, to NYPA.
<http://politi.co/2eGa3pr>

NATIONAL FUEL INVESTOR PRESSURE - The Buffalo News' David Robinson:
"Investor Mario Gabelli wants a seat on National Fuel Gas Co.'s board of directors. Gabelli, whose bid to get National Fuel to spin off its utility business was widely rejected by shareholders early last year, now has nominated a representative, Lance A. Bakrow, for a

seat on the Amherst energy company's board." <http://bit.ly/2eGf5C6>

AROUND NEW YORK:

--**Taconic Plastics and the DEC signed** a consent order to start addressing water contamination in Petersburg. <http://politico.pro/2eGp0HV>

--**The oysters are coming back to the Hudson**, writes Donna Schaper for the Poughkeepsie Journal. <http://pojonews.co/2fGnAQh>

--**SolarCity's losses narrowed** slightly ahead of a Nov. 17 shareholder vote on the company's merger with Tesla. <http://bit.ly/2eGdOLx>

--**Conservative groups wrote** to the state Legislature, urging lawmakers to block the nuclear subsidy and Clean Energy Standard. <http://bit.ly/2eGaAYa>

--**The New York State Museum** gets more energy efficient LED lighting. <http://bit.ly/2eGfrsk>

--**Home heating assistance** programs available for New York residents. <http://lohud.us/2eGivok>

--**A new bald eagle** has arrived at the Seneca Park Zoo. <http://on.rocne.ws/2eGghWa>

--**Energy efficient house** tours in the Hudson Valley set for Friday. <http://bit.ly/2eGdsVf>

GOOD FRIDAY MORNING: Let us know anytime if you have tips, story ideas or life advice. We're always here at dgiambusso@politico.com and mfrench@politico.com . And if you like this letter, please tell a friend and/or loved one. Here's a handy sign-up link: <http://politi.co/1TZmBpl>

LENS ON HUDSON RIVER - Hudson Valley One's Frances Marion Platt:

"(Documentary filmmaker Jon) Bowermaster has turned his lens much closer to home. "I've spent years making films about the relationship between man and water around the world, but I always wanted to do something about the Hudson River," he says. "Not traveling as much as I used to, internationally, allows me to focus on things going on in my own back yard."... The series started with a story about the 'bomb trains' of non-reinforced tanker cars that are carrying highly volatile crude oil fracked from the Bakken shale beds in North Dakota to New York State. ... The newest segment about to be released deals with the U.S. Coast Guard's proposal to authorize anchorage sites for barges all along the Hudson between Kingston and Yonkers." <http://bit.ly/2eGpptT>

INTERIOR'S NEW RULE TO BOOST SOLAR, WIND - The Associated Press: "The Obama administration took action Thursday to boost the development of solar and wind energy on public lands. A final rule announced by the Interior Department would create a new leasing program on public lands and encourage development in areas where it would

have fewer effects on the environment." <http://nyti.ms/2eNS836>

DESPITE BULLISHNESS, COAL STILL ANEMIC - Bloomberg's Tim Loh: "He can roll back regulations, slash government jobs, pull out of global treaties and strip the tax benefits from renewable energy. But can Donald Trump make coal great again? Probably not, say energy industry leaders and analysts." <http://bloom.bg/2eWgFAP>

CHILDREN'S CLIMATE SUIT MOVES FORWARD - Bloomberg's Kartikay Mehrotra: "A lawsuit brought by children against the Obama administration may force President-elect Donald Trump to decide how far he'll go to downplay the threat of global warming." <http://bloom.bg/2eGummH>

TRANSFORMING INDIA - New Kerala: "International bodies feel that the rapid growth in renewable energy, combined with sustained reduction in coal imports and increasing challenges to the viability of new coal-fire power plant construction - with ultra mega coal projects cancelled, gives an indication of the transformation that is beginning in India." <http://bit.ly/2eW7h0b>

CANADA'S DIRTY HYDRO - The New York Times' Ian Austen: "Protests. Hunger strikes. Sit-ins that disrupt construction. At the immense Muskrat Falls hydroelectric dam project in a remote and rugged part of Labrador, the indigenous people who live nearby have been raising louder and louder alarms. But it is not about the dam itself. The controversy is over what will flow from it. The protests are focused on a mostly overlooked side effect of hydroelectric projects all over Canada: The reservoirs behind the dams tend to develop high levels of methyl mercury, leading to mercury poisoning among people who eat fish or game caught downstream." <http://nyti.ms/2eGp2zu>

IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL IN PERIL - Reuters: "Donald Trump's election as president raises the prospect the United States will pull out of the nuclear pact it signed last year with Iran, alienating Washington from its allies and potentially freeing Iran to act on its ambitions." <http://bit.ly/2eWgRzX>

AUSTRALIA RATIFIES PARIS ACCORD - The Associated Press: "Australia on Thursday ratified its greenhouse gas emission targets agreed upon last year at the U.N. climate meeting in Paris." <http://nyti.ms/2eWhbi9>

DROUGHT GRIPS SOUTHEAST - NPR's Rebecca Hersher: "Large parts of the Southeast are grappling with severe drought. In some parts of Alabama, there hasn't been any rain in nearly six weeks. Some farmers are selling off cattle because there's not enough hay to feed them over the winter. Denise Croker, a chief ranger with the Georgia Forestry Commission, told the Insurance Journal, "our dirt is like talcum powder."" <http://n.pr/2eG6DTC>

WATER FOR FLINT - The Washington Post's Brady Dennis: "A federal judge in Michigan has ordered state officials to offer bottled-water delivery to Flint residents who can't easily pick up their own from distribution sites in the city." <http://wapo.st/2eGnRjJ>

THANKS, TREES! - The Washington Post's Chris Mooney: "On election day, the U.S. was busy voting for a president who openly scoffs at the reality of human-caused climate change and has expressed the goal of withdrawing the U.S. from the international process for dealing with it. So if climate change is something you worry about, you're probably extra worried right now. But on the same day, a paper published in Nature Communications Tuesday actually contained some of the better news about climate change that we've heard in awhile. Granted, even that doesn't make it very sunny - just a modest bit of evidence suggesting a slight, temporary reprieve in the rate at which we're altering the planet."
<http://wapo.st/2eGmLo8>

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